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FOLLOWING REPEAT BERN 301 ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO BONN JAN 19.

QUOTE UNCLAS BERN 0301

EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINR PINS SZ GW  
SUBJ: BOMB EXPLOSION AT BERN CANTONAL SUPREME COURT BUILDING

1. WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE MILITARY BAND GRENADE WAS  
EXPLODED AT BERN CANTONAL SUPREME COURT BUILDING IN  
BERN DURING NIGHT OF JAN 13. TWO OFFICES, AND LIBRARY  
ON FLOOR ABOVE, WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED; NO PERSONS  
INJURED. OFFICE OF THE DEPT DISTRICT ATTY, VINZENZ  
VON STEIGER, WAS TARGET OF ATTACK. DAMAGE WAS DISCOVERED  
EARLY SAT MORNING JAN 14 AND IS UNDER POLICE INVESTIGATION.

2. LETTERS SENT TO BERN NEWSPAPERS SIGNED "COMMANDO  
BENNO OHNESORG" CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPLOSION.  
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FEDERAL JUSTICE AND POLICE DEPT SPOKESMAN ULRICH  
HUBACHER TOLD PRESS THERE MUST BE CONNECTION. LETTERS  
WARNED SWISS AUTHORITIES AGAINST EXTRADITION FOR  
SUSPICION OF OFFENSES IN WEST GERMANY OF GABRIELE  
KROECHER-TIEDEMANN AND CHRISTIAN MOELLER WHO ARE  
UNDER ARREST IN BERN. LETTERS ENDED WITH STATEMENT  
THAT ATTACK AT BERN COURT IN THIS CASE IS "FIRST

DROP OF THE STORM". SAID IF BOTH GERMANS ARE SUBMITTED  
TO TORTURE CHAMBER AS BAD AS IN "GERMAN  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC-EMPIRE", SWISS AUTHORITIES MUST  
EXPECT TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. LETTERS BORE  
FRIDAY MORNING JAN 13 10:00 AM BERN POSTMARK.  
FIRST RADIO REPORTS WERE AT 8:00 AM SATURDAY.  
HOWEVER, HUBACHER SAID EXISTENCE OF LETTER WAS NOT  
PUBLICIZED FOR "TECHNICAL REASONS" UNTIL SUNDAY.

3. PRESS REPORTED BENNO OHNESORG (STUDENT) WAS  
SHOT DEAD JUN 2, 1967 BY POLICE OFFICER IN BERLIN  
AFTER DEMONSTRATION AGAINST SHAH OF IRAN. HIS  
DEATH RESULTED IN VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS.  
WARNER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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